

**Amendment No. 12 to SB1573**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1573\***

**House Bill No. 1448**

by deleting Section 1, § 17-4-118, in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) After July 1, 2009, when a vacancy occurs in the office of a state trial court judge by death, resignation or otherwise, the governor shall fill the vacancy by appointing a person, who is licensed to practice law in this state and who is fully qualified under the constitution and statutes of this state, to discharge the duties of the office.

(b) The term of a judge appointed under subsection (a) shall expire on August 31 after the next regular August election recurring more than thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs.

(c) At the next regular August election recurring more than thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, the qualified voters of the district shall elect a candidate to fill the remainder of the unexpired term or a complete term, as provided in the general election law in title 2.